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Dear Erik,

Please find enclosed a final draft of your patent application, docket 2099, entitled "Intelligent DHCP". Please review the application, and if everything is in order, please review, sign and date the enclosed Declaration and Assignment. (If you do not have access to a Notary, you may have a friend "witness" your signature on the Assignment, and then have the friend countersign on the "Witnessed by" line.) If you have minor changes, please make the changes to the hardcopy in red ink, and then initial and date the changes. If you have major changes, please call me to discuss.

Please understand that (1) although you still have an existing contractual obligation to assist in the completion of the enclosed paperwork, and (2) even without your cooperation, Gateway will be able to proceed with the application on your behalf, we would like to proceed with your cooperation with this application. Accordingly, as compensation for your time to review and sign the enclosed documents, Gateway will send you a check for \$250 once the application has been filed.

If you have any questions, please call me at (949) 454-3200 extension 43374.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Clow  
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**EXHIBIT A**